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**SILVER SPRING MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. sentenced Robert Sokoloff, age 60, of Silver Spring, Maryland to 27 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$6,000 fine for possession of child pornography. He must also register as a sex-offender with the State of Maryland.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) after Sokoloff transmitted a pornographic image of a female under the age of 12 on March 13, 2003, from his computer to an FBI special agent posing as an adult male during online conversations on the Internet Chat Relay. Subsequently, the FBI executed a search warrant at Sokoloff's home and seized at least 15 images of child pornography and child erotica from his home computer. On April 1, 2004, Sokoloff pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography and agreed to forfeit his rights to the computer seized from his residence by the FBI.

This case was investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Odessa P. Jackson.

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